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In re Application of: )  
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 Fiorenzo Draghetti, et al. ) Examiner: Landrum, Edward F.  
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 Serial No.: 10/579,866 ) Group Art Unit: 3724  
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## For: CUTTING UNIT FOR CUTTING CONTINUOUS CIGARETTE RODS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This submission is in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed in the above-referenced application on March 2, 2010. Reconsideration of the application and substantive examination is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and election set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** commence on page 2; and

**Remarks** commence on page 6.